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Universal Expands Presence in Middle East *Middle East Operations Centre and Beirut Handling Facility to Open Within 90 Days*

Dubai, United Arab Emirates (Jan. 30, 2007) – Universal Weather and Aviation, Inc. announced it is expanding its presence in the Middle East with a new Middle East Operations Centre (MEOC) in Dubai, United Arab Emirates and a new UVglobal Network[®] location in Beirut, Lebanon. Both facilities are set to open within 90 days. This growth is in addition to the recently-opened Universal Aviation ground services office in Dubai.

Flourishing regional economies, improved infrastructure and an increase in business aviation traffic were the impetus behind Universal's decision to increase its presence in the Middle East.

“Universal[®] has been serving the Middle East market for more than four decades, and we are committed to continuing to provide the excellent services that Universal[®] is known for, focusing on service to Middle East operators from our Dubai operations centre, as well as other key locations in the region,” said Lex den Herder, Director, UVglobal Network[®] Development and Acquisitions.

Middle East Operations Centre (MEOC)

The MEOC will be located at Dubai International Airport, and will provide specialized services while serving as a regional hub for Trip Support Services to Middle East-based clients traveling within the region. The MEOC will provide complete trip support services, including weather briefs, flight planning, permits and ground handling arrangements.

“Our new MEOC will focus on customizing services to Middle East-based clients,” said Jess Gassaway, General Manager, MEOC. “Being based locally with a 24-hour operations centre allows us to provide our Middle East-based clients around-the-clock access to a Trip Support Specialist in their own time zone who's well versed in the region.”

Jeff Briand, Vice President of Universal[®] Trip Support Services, commented that the expansion of regional operations in the Middle East is consistent with the company's strategy of ensuring clients have local expertise – with global resources – to support their regional trips. “While our experts in Universal's headquarters stateside in Houston will continue to support domestic operators flying to and from the Middle East, it makes sense that where we have a growing client base – like in the Middle East – that we establish a local presence so we can be more accessible to our regionally-based clients. We actually ‘launched’ this model when we opened our

European Operations Centre in 2003, and it's been very well received. Obviously, we're looking forward to that same success here."

Universal / Imperial Ste en Participation

Universal[®] will soon be opening a new ground handling facility in Beirut, Lebanon, in conjunction with Imperial (formerly known as Cirrus Middle East s.a.l.). The joint enterprise, a member of the UVglobal Network[®], will be known as Universal/Imperial Ste en Participation.

The new location will provide, arrange and coordinate all ground handling services on a 24/7 basis for all types of business aircraft, up to the B747. The facility is located at the General Aviation Terminal of Beirut International Airport.

Universal Aviation in Dubai

At the Dubai ground services facility, Universal Aviation and EFS recently announced an agreement whereby Universal[®] is supporting EFS with training and service enhancements, and EFS is executing handling activities on the ground. Formerly a preferred handling location, EFS can now better support growing client needs with an even greater level of professional service and corporate amenities.

Operating out of a new facility, EFS is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and is located at Dubai International Airport, adjacent to the Dubai Air Show location. This new location features direct, easy access to the terminal and corporate aircraft parking areas just adjacent to the new terminal, eliminating previous parking difficulties.

In addition, there is available hangar parking, a brand-new VIP handling terminal, and 14 VIP/Executive Lounges. Passengers also have faster access to customs and immigration processing areas located in the building.

Other UVglobal Network[®] locations already in the Middle East include Egypt, Jordan and Kuwait.

Universal[®] will showcase its wide array of Trip Support Services, along with its growing presence in the Middle East, at the Middle East Business Aviation (MEBA) 2007 show in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Jan. 31-Feb. 1. Universal's exhibit is C421, located on the conference floor main aisle between the entrance and the doors to the static park. For more information on the MEOC or Universal Aviation in Dubai, call +973 3941 3769, or e-mail meocinfo@univ-wea.com. For more information on Universal / Imperial Ste en Participation, call +961 70 939 673.

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includes flight planning, weather briefings, online tools, the UVair[®] Fueling Card and the UVglobal Network[®], UVdatalink[®] air-to-ground communication, and more. Universal has been facilitating successful trips for business aviation operators since 1959.

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